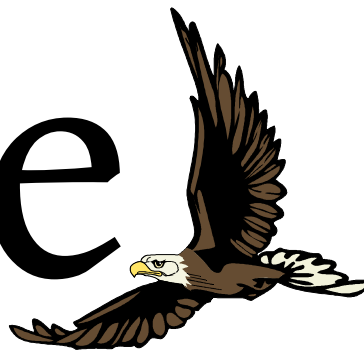


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Aug. 13, 1999

Newsline

A glance at news affecting Laughlin



Pilot graduation

The graduation ceremony for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 99-13 is 10 a.m. today at the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

The guest speaker is Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Kurt Anderson, former 19th Air Force commander.

Chapel change

Due to air-conditioning repairs, Catholic and Protestant worship services for Saturday and Sunday will be held in the Fiesta Center at the regularly scheduled time.

For more information, call the chapel at 298-5111.

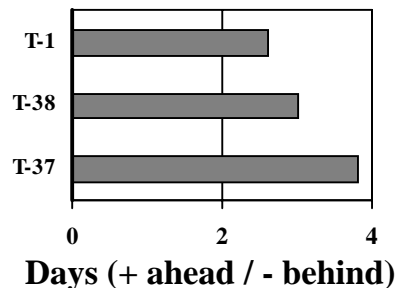
Promotion list

The Air Force will release the listing of the service's newest staff sergeants the first duty hour Wednesday.

47 FTW mission status

(As of Aug. 10)

Student Timeline



Sorties flown in FY 99:
58,914

Hours flown in FY 99:
87,572

Pilot wings earned in FY 99:
273

Pilot wings earned since 1963:
11,320

Base officials weigh options to reduce bird strikes

Aggressive bird control approach being considered to avoid damage, lost training

By 2nd Lt. Greg M. Kuzma

Wing safety

Minimizing the number of bird air strikes at Laughlin is an ongoing challenge. Base officials have reviewed a number of initiatives to help make the skies safer from a bird hazard, and they plan to take a more aggressive approach in the future.

What is being done now?

Currently, Laughlin is utilizing different methods of nonlethal bird-discouraging techniques such as cannons and draining of ponds and lakes. Herbicides and pesticides are also being used to create a less attractive environment for birds by reducing food sources.

Maj. Alan Shafer, chief of flight safety, said he feels an integrated system is critical to minimizing bird air strikes. "There is no one quick fix to this problem," said Shafer. "We must use all the tools available to us to defend the base from the bird menace. All the tools working together are most effective," the major continued. "If we lose one tool, it will hurt, but losing two or more of the tools could lead to the problems with birds we had last fall."

Shafer

pointed out that Laughlin has taken an aggressive approach this year to mitigating the problem. "EAST, Inc., the base services support contractor, has a mission to carry out an integrated anti-bird environment," he said. "They're working very hard to integrate the different components of our plan – and even trying a few new ones."

EAST is trying a new and inexpensive deterrent known as ReJeX-iT TP-



Courtesy photo

Birds swarm around the Laughlin flightline in this photo taken last fall. Excessive bird population led to a week of missed flying training in October.

40, a natural chemical that contains components found in grape juice. It doesn't hurt the birds, but they don't like it. They will be experimenting with the chemical in hangars and roosting areas to discourage birds from living here. Many at Laughlin will be watching the bird population closely to see if ReJeX-iT TP-40 will be effective in helping discourage birds. EAST will implement the new deterrent in August.

More than \$30 million in aircraft damage was caused by bird strikes throughout the Air Force in fiscal year '98.

Lt. Col. Bruce Juselis, 47th Flying Training Wing chief of safety, said he feels bird air strikes present a significant problem that needs our highest attention. "Birds are an ever-present threat," he said. "We must optimize resources and take operational steps to reduce bird air strikes."

Juselis said he's a strong advocate of doing everything possible to avoid bird strikes. His personal experience is that pilots must be ever vigilant to avoid birds. While the colonel was flying with a student in a T-38, a flock of nearly 150 birds arose from a field while the plane was on final approach to land. "I took control of the aircraft, put the engines in

afterburner and dove to nearly 150 feet above ground level to avoid the birds," said Juselis. "We had no room to maneuver. If we hadn't avoided the birds we could have lost the aircraft due to multiple bird strikes."

"You must visually clear for birds constantly while flying, because the pilot will normally see the bird only seconds prior to impact," the colonel said. "That's why we have aircrews brief bird status, review bird air strike potential and emergency procedures before each sortie."

One of the Bird Air Strike Hazard program's main goals is to reduce the amount of damages and cost of lost operations. Last year, more than \$500,000 was spent in overtime operations resulting from lost training caused by severe bird conditions at Laughlin. More than \$30 million in aircraft damage was caused by bird strikes throughout the Air Force in fiscal year '98.

Juselis stated that the wing safety office is exploring every option available to reduce the possibility of bird strikes. "Col. Len Jarman (47th Flying Training Wing vice commander) has established a highly effective team that includes all operations agencies and appropriate support agencies to ensure a successful BASH program."

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Smart, safe driving helps members avoid becoming traffic statistics

By Lt. Col.
David O'Brien
47th Aeromedical Dental
Squadron commander

"Oh my gosh, I can't believe he did that!"

This was my thought as I was driving on Highway 90 to San Antonio at 6 p.m. one Friday.

It felt more like I was flying against a missile threat than heading off to a week in San Antonio. But people do crazy things in their cars – and this trip was no exception. Having just driven down from Alaska, through the state of Washington, California (through Los Angeles) and then on to Texas, I have seen a lot of bold and crazy motoring.

Examples include right turns from left lanes, cars following me with their bumper on top of my muffler, being passed with an oncoming semi-truck approaching, traveling 75

mph in the slow lane and being passed at warp speed.

Fortunately, I wasn't required to stop and administer roadside first aid – although this activity has become pretty routine on my cross-country drives.

Last year, there were 42,000 reported motor vehicle fatalities, the leading cause of death for all people ages 6 to 27 years. Motor vehicle accidents resulted in more than \$150 billion in damages. In the Air Force, 52 members prematurely left their families, friends, and coworkers in fiscal year 1998.

Hard to believe it could happen to you? I am confident those who died tragically in these mishaps had no plans to leave early.

Allow me to share some simple thoughts on driving safely and not becoming a casualty.

■ NO drinking and driving; 40 percent of motor vehicle mishaps involve alcohol. Even good drivers become stupid when they drink. Do not travel as a passenger with someone who has been drinking.

■ Always wear a seat belt, they save lives every day (more than 10,000 lives last year).

■ Ensure your children are strapped in the appropriate child restraint seat and ensure you correctly adjust the belts and braces.

■ Rest before extended traveling and avoid long days. Driving more than 12 hours results in fatigue, impaired senses and delayed reactions similar to alcohol-impaired drivers.

■ Never pass on the right. It may be legal in Texas, but it sure isn't safe or wise.

■ Travel a safe distance behind the car in front of you. Tailgating eliminates reaction time when traffic moves suddenly or unpredictably.

■ Stop and stretch – it will stimulate your mind and diminish physical discomfort and fatigue.

■ Make sure you bring along cool water, which is better for you than sugary,

caffeinated beverages. Dehydration in hot summer weather dulls your thinking and physically tires you.

■ Be courteous to other drivers, use turn indicators and signal your intentions.

■ Use your headlights and be seen!

■ Slow down while traveling through highway towns. You wouldn't want someone to drive 70 miles per hour through your front yard.

■ Drive defensively and be alert. Not everyone has good common sense or driving skills. The life you save may be your own.

Why is a doctor writing on ground safety? The best way to treat injuries is to prevent them. Exercise and healthy eating habits prevent heart attacks, just as smart driving can prevent skull fractures, broken necks, and flail chests.

My challenge to you is: drive safe, enjoy life and continue to be outstanding airmen, friends and family members.

The best way to treat injuries is to prevent them ... smart driving can prevent skull fractures, broken necks and flail chests.



AF Intern Program looks at future leaders with vision

WASHINGTON – The Air Force Intern Program provides a unique and prestigious opportunity for 50 junior captains to increase their knowledge of leadership and the application of air and space power.

The program develops tomorrow's leaders using a combination of hands-on experience in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Joint Staff and Air Staff with graduate level academic courses in leadership and management.

Each year, an AFIP selection board is held at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, to select captains from all competitive categories, to include chaplain, judge advocate and medical specialties. With approximately 500 nominees competing for 50 slots, competition is extremely keen. Senior raters can nominate 10 percent of their eligible captains to compete for AFIP. The length of the program ranges from 17 to 22 months, depending on scheduled rotations.

The next intern program selection board is scheduled to convene Dec. 13. Nomination packages must reach AFPC by Oct. 15. There are several other key dates which can be provided by local military personnel flights or by visiting the AFPC home page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> then clicking on officer professional military education.

If there are any topics you would like to see addressed in People First, please e-mail your suggestion to people.first@pentagon.af.mil.

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is Thursday
the week prior
to publication date

Actionline

Call 298-5351

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

(AETCNS)

Dan R. Goodrich
Col. Dan R. Goodrich

47th Flying Training Wing commander



AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
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**“Excellence –
not our goal, but
our standard.”**

– 47 FTW motto

Safety Stats

As of June 21
(Fiscal Year)

	'99	Total '98
On-duty mishaps	2	11
Off-duty mishaps	9	7

Lieutenant steps up, donates bone marrow

By 2nd Lt. William Johnson
47th Communications Squadron

An officer assigned to the 47th Communications Squadron here became a bone marrow donor at Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, D.C., July 22.

2nd Lt. Stephen Ortman completed the bone marrow donation process – an effort he began his sophomore year in college.

47th Flying Training Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Randy Crist stated at the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony July 31, “As a new senior NCO, you must step up to new responsibilities and step in to a role where you personally see those responsibilities through to completion.”

The two step phrase used by the chief can apply to everyone – enlisted, officers, civilians, contractors, and family members – on or off duty.

Off duty, Ortman was given his chance and he stepped up and stepped in for another person by donating his own bone marrow. The recipient is a 13-year old male diagnosed with leukemia. Ortman’s marrow will help the boy’s body regenerate blood cells after chemotherapy destroyed all the recipient’s blood cells.

Shannon M. Rafine, donor services coordinator from the C.W. Bill Young Marrow Donor Center said, “Initially, all that is involved is a quick blood sample and written consent form.

Often, on military bases there are recruitment drives specifically for this purpose. The blood is typed from the sample and entered

into a database. The physician of a patient who is a considering a transplant will enter the patient’s blood typing into the database and will receive potential matches. The potential matches are assigned a number for anonymity. The potential donors are asked if they wish to proceed with additional testing and possibly a donation.”

She continued, “After successful screening, the prospective donor is asked to return several weeks later for the donation.

While at the hospital, the donor is placed under anesthesia and marrow harvesting begins.

Surgeons collect the marrow by inserting an extracting needle into the pelvic bone. Entry is made several times until enough marrow is extracted – the process is approximately one hour. After the harvesting is completed, the marrow is sent immediately to the recipient, and the donor remains in the hospital one night.

“The chances of being an actual donor vary based on the person’s tissue typing,” Rafine added. “However, there are about 3.5 million people in the registry, and 192,000 of them are in Department of De-

fense.” Rafine said, “As of May 31, there have been 8,000 actual transplants through the National Marrow Donor Program.”

Rafine said of Ortman’s donation, “One year after the donation, I will ask Ortman and

the recipient’s representative if they wish to release their information such as addresses and phone numbers. Until that point, Ortman will get periodic updates on the patient’s medical condition.”

“The bone marrow donation program has given me an opportunity to give of myself by following through in what I be-

lieve,” Ortman said. “I encourage others to donate bone marrow, if they’re up to it.”

Maj. Steve Donatucci, 47th Communications Squadron commander, commented, “The first day I met Ortman I was impressed. He is quite mature for his age and has a great attitude. The fact that he was willing to donate his own bone marrow for a young boy who he’s never met defines the meaning of selflessness! Stephen is a super officer – we’re blessed to have him on Team XL.”

Those interested in the bone marrow donation program can call 1-800-MARROW3 for military members and 1-800-MARROW2 for civilians.

“The bone marrow donation program has given me an opportunity to give of myself by following through in what I believe,” I encourage others to donate bone marrow, if they’re up to it.”

-2nd Lt. Stephen Ortman

47th Communications Squadron

Tricare Prime members now re-enroll automatically

Re-enrolling in Tricare Prime has never been easier! Tricare Prime members are now *automatically re-enrolled* at the end of their enrollment year.

As a Prime member, you will receive a re-enrollment notice in the mail 30 days before the end of your enrollment year. This will be the only notice you receive.

Active duty family members enrolled in Tricare Prime will be automatically re-enrolled each year, unless action is taken to disenroll. As a retiree or a family member of a retiree, you will also be automatically re-enrolled. However, you will need to send in your enrollment fee, along with the re-enrollment notice.

If your enrollment fee is not received with the annual renewal, you cannot be re-enrolled. Should you change your mind later, you may re-enroll in Tricare Prime at any time.

If you wish to disenroll from Tricare Prime, simply indicate so on your re-enrollment notice, and return it to Foundation Health Federal Services. Beneficiaries who choose not to re-enroll in Prime may use Tricare Extra or Tricare Standard.

So that you continue to receive your re-enrollment notices and other program information, please inform both FHFS and the Defense Eligibility Reporting System of any change in address. DEERS may be reached at 1-800-538-9552, or on the Internet at ddrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil.

You may notify FHFS by calling or stopping by your local Tricare Service Center.

Stay informed about your health care. For more information about the automatic re-enrollment process, contact your local Tricare Service Center, or call 1-800-406-2832, option 3.

Clinic to renew prescriptions at certain times throughout day

Effective Sept. 1, the primary care/internal medicine clinic will renew prescriptions on a walk-in basis from 3 - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, excluding holidays.

This policy will allow providers to discuss health concerns with patients directly. In order to decrease interruptions for patients with scheduled appointments, requests for

prescription renewals will not be accepted at other times of the day.

The program is not intended to be a substitute for scheduling routine follow-ups. It is simply a means to ensure a limited supply of medication is available to the patient until a follow-up visit can be scheduled. Ideally, if you are on a maintenance medi-

cation, your prescription renewals should be provided during regularly scheduled visits.

As a point of clarification, this program only applies when your prescription has no refills left. If you have refills left, the pharmacy will continue to handle these; bring the prescription by, or call the pharmacy at 6362 from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Class 99-13 graduates

Student Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 99-13 graduates at 10 a.m. today in a ceremony at the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

The 52-week SUPT program prepares student pilots for the entire spectrum of Air force aircraft and flying missions.

Training begins with three weeks of physiological and academic training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine subsonic T-37 Tweet. In the T-37 students learn flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing, aerobatics and formation flying.

Primary training consists of 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, the future pilots are selected for advanced in-flight training in a specialized area or track. The tracks include tanker, bomber and cargo pilot training in the T-1 aircraft, fighter pilot training in the T-38, turbo propeller aircraft training in the Navy's T-44, and helicopter training in the Army's UH-1.

Advanced training takes about 26 weeks and involves 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

Graduates of SUPT Class 99-13 have been assigned to various aircraft at duty stations throughout the world.



Capt. Michael Madsen
Class Leader
C-17 – Charleston AFB, S.C.



Capt. Michael D. Godsey
Assistant Class Leader
F-16 – Luke AFB, Ariz



Capt. Steven J. Hunter
KC-135 – Scott AFB, Ill. (ANG)



Capt. Jeffrey S. Wheeler
F-16 – McEntire ANG, S.C.



1st Lt. Alejandro Arias Zarzuela
A-37 – Dominican Republic



1st Lt. Matthew U. Fetzer
T-1 – Laughlin AFB, Texas



1st Lt. Charles A. Tai
KC-135 – McGuire AFB, N.J. (ANG)



2nd Lt Richard C. Altobello
F-16 – Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Ricardo A. Balarezo
T-27 – Peru



2nd Lt. Matthew G. Bland
C-21 – Ramstein AB, Germany



2nd Lt. Michael L. Brown
E-3 Tinker AFB, Okla.



2nd Lt. Frederick V. Cartwright
B-52 – Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. Shawn D. Christie
RC-135 – Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Brian W. Chung
F-16 – Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Mark D. Falsani
A-10 – Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Bradley C. Gilley
C-5 – Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Randel J. Gordon
F-15 – Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Heather L. Harper
C-9 – Yokota AFB, Japan



2nd Lt. Christopher G. Hawn
B-1 – Dyess AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Jason M. Hughes
F-16 – Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Jennifer C. King
C-141 – Andrews AFB, Md. (AFRES)



2nd Lt. James H. Larkin
KC-135 – RAF Mildenhall, U.K.



2nd Lt. Stuart J. Murray
C-208 – South Africa



2nd Lt. S. Rochelle NG-A-Qui
F-16 – Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Brian L. Parker
F-16 – Madison, Wis (ANG)



2nd Lt. Andrew W. Rose
KC-135 – McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Brian J. Smith
C-141 – McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Carmilla E. Stolkowski
KC-135 – Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Joseph F. Zingaro
T-38 – Luahglin AFB, Texas



The *XLer*

Hometown: San Diego, Ca.

Family: wife, Yolanda; son, Ryan, 10, daughter, Melanie, 8.

Time at Laughlin: 7 months.

Time in service: 14 years.

Why did you join the Air Force? Travel, education, phenomenal pay.

Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: Identify it as a remote assignment and follow it up with a base of preference.

Greatest accomplishment: 1996 Air Combat Command, Professional Productivity Excellence Award in the Enlisted Category.

Long-term goals: Make Chief by the 19-year-mark, retire at 24 years and do similar work on the outside after retirement.

Hobbies: Mentoring my two kids and doing what ever my wife tells me to do!

Favorite food: Anything my wife prepares.

Favorite beverage: Corona.

Bad habit: Eating what the kids can't finish.

Motto: Make it happen!

If you could spend one hour with any person in history, who would it be and why? Myself in the mid 70's. I'd tell myself to hook up with Bill Gates at the University of Berkley. When he started talking about a "Microsoft, I would break the piggy bank and invest!"



Photo by Zenaphir Bond

Master Sgt. Timothy P. Griffin
47 communications squadron

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

-Daily Mass 12:05 p.m.

-Saturday Mass 5 p.m.

-Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

-Confession 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, or by appointment.

-Choir 6 p.m. Thursdays.

fellowship hall.

-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.,
religious education building.

-Awana, Wednesdays,
chapel from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

(For more information on

Protestant

-General worship 11 a.m.

-Bible study video luncheon
11 a.m. Thursday, chapel

Jewish

- Max Stool

219 West Strickland St.
Del Rio, Texas

For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.



Question of the week

Are you ready to go back to school?



Yes. I'm getting bored sitting at home all day, and I miss my friends.

Charlene Stewart
12th grade



Yes. This is my last year in elementary school and I'm excited.

Rachel Lethco
5th grade



Yes. It's time to see my friends, learn something new and play ball!

Dwight Hardy
8th grade



Yes. I like school and bringing my lunch.

Jonathon Nance
2nd grade

Ceremony marks completion of five-year family housing renovation program here

By Camisha Dickinson
47th Civil Engineer Squadron

A ribbon cutting ceremony at 9047 McConnell marked the last family housing unit completed under the five phases of wholehouse renovation which began in 1994.

Phase IV and V renovations totally revamped 78 duplexes and 55 single units at a combined cost of more than \$10.9 million.

“One of the concepts that we were committed to was to improve each phase with the lessons learned from the previous project,” said Dave Van Winkle, 47 Civil Engineer Squadron contract programmer/planner. “We also evaluated and used ideas and

inputs from the occupants where we could. We made them part of the design team,” he continued. “Laughlin has some of the best housing in the command and in the Air Force.”

The complete makeover, in phases IV and V, began with the contractor gutting out units down to the bare studs. From there, each unit received all new interior walls and flooring, energy efficient windows, new light fixtures and laundry enclosures. Kitchens were updated with new cabinets, sinks and countertops while bathrooms received vanities, bathtubs, lavatories and cabinets.

Other amenities include carpet, built-in microwave ovens, an

enlarged storage shed and new vinyl siding on the exterior of the units. The renovations also included neighborhood improvements such as new playground equipment, additional sidewalks and benches.

Four hundred and ninety-five of Laughlin’s 600 military family housing units are now modernized. The renovated units “are a tremendous addition to the quality of life in our military family housing neighborhoods,” said Col. David Bertholf, 47th Support Group commander. “The fact of the matter is, our neighborhoods – with their renovated homes, beautiful trees and yards, numerous playgrounds, and safe, secure

streets – are a highlight of Laughlin,” said Bertholf.

There are 105 units left to be renovated in military family housing. These homes on O’Brien, Hetrick, Farrow, Carlson, and Ciarfeo are 10 years newer than the units that have been upgraded. It is unlikely that funding will be approved for any renovations of these units for some years. Therefore, the base leadership has taken steps to add improvements on their own. A variety of amenities are being installed while the units are empty during change of occupancy, said Bertholf. “While not a down-to-the-studs rebuild, these updates provide noticeable improvement within the resources

we have available locally.”

Improving the quality of life for Laughlin members and their families was no small task, said Shirley Pritchett, 47 CES housing flight Chief. “The whole renovation process was accomplished due to teamwork among all government agencies, contractors, and housing residents.”

“The leadership at Laughlin knows there is probably little – if anything – more important to our members than the living conditions for them and their families,” Bertholf explained. “We are pleased the most recent renovations are now complete, and we appreciate your patience during this trying period.”

From the Blotter (47th Security Forces Squadron)



Aug. 1, 3:35 a.m. – An individual called in a bomb threat to the law enforcement desk. Another individual called the LE desk and said the previous threat was a joke and should be disregarded. Several individuals were detained and an investigation is still in progress.

Aug. 3, 4:10 a.m. – A security forces patrol discovered an unsecure building. The building custodian was contacted to ensure the integrity of the facility.

Aug. 4, 10:50 a.m. – A patrol discovered three illegal aliens while

performing a perimeter check. The individuals were detained and turned over to the Border Patrol.

Aug. 4, 3:22 p.m. – An active-duty member reported that his lawn mower had been taken from his carport in the enlisted housing area.

Aug. 4, 7:10 p.m. – Security forces patrols stopped a vehicle when they received a tip that a child had been placed in the trunk of a vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was detained and turned over to the Val Verde Sheriff's Office and Child Protective Services.

EMERGENCY CALL 911, NON-EMERGENCY CALL 5100

47th Medical Group

Tricare beneficiaries have access to the health care information line – a 24-hour phone service which provides answers to hundreds of health questions.

Laughlin is in Tricare region 6. Members in this region should call 1-800-611-2875 to speak to a personal health advisor (a registered nurse) for help in evaluating symptoms for themselves or a family member, or listen to more 400 recorded messages about a variety of health topics through the audio health library. The HCIL is not an emergency service. In an emergency, call 911.

If you need to speak with a health care finder about referrals, authorizations or coordination of care, call 1-800-406-2832, press option three then option six for Laughlin.



***AF Medical Service
launches TRICARE
information campaign***

BOLLING AFB, D.C. – The Air Force Medical Service is making sure Air Force leaders are better informed about Tricare, the health care plan for the uniformed services.

“Tricare has been called the only Health Maintenance Organization that goes to war,” said Lt. Gen. Charles Roadman, Air Force surgeon general. “It is structured to supply peacetime care while also supporting our readiness mission. We want to ensure our commanders and leaders understand the program and how it supports the readiness mission,” the general said. “Their support of the program means we all are better ready to do our peacetime and wartime missions.”

Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, echoed the surgeon general’s concerns. “Since health care and medical benefits consistently rank as one of the top quality of life concerns in the Air Force, it is absolutely vital that our leaders understand Tricare and better inform their local communities to ensure program success,” he said. “Our commanders have a critical role in this effort.”

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With that in mind, the Air Force is targeting its commanders and leaders with information about Tricare with the objective of ensuring all medical beneficiaries know the facts about their health plan. Air Force leaders and commanders are in a unique position to help subordinates with their health care issues. The campaign plan for informing the leadership about TRICARE is being called Operation Command Champion, and was briefed to senior leaders at the June CORONA Top 99, one of three annual meetings of senior Air Force leadership. The campaign kicked off in July with the objective of reaching all commanders and leaders by November. Col. Joan Griffith, 47th Medical Group commander, met with Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, July 28 to discuss program facts.

Victory will be achieved when commanders and leaders:

- feel comfortable assisting their troops in obtaining the highest quality care available, and know how to help their people solve problems with Tricare;
- become better-informed health care consumers themselves; and
- prevent misunderstanding and allay concerns by providing accurate information.

“It is imperative Air Force leaders help their people understand how to use TRICARE so they can get the best health care available,” Roadman said.

(AFPN)

Where are they now?

Name: Lt. Col. Anthony L. Hinen

Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin:

Class 82-06, July 82.

Aircraft you now fly and base you are

stationed at: KC-135R, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Mission of your current aircraft: Aerial refueling and small package express airlift.

What do you like most about your current aircraft? Classic aircraft, based on Boeing 707. It’s powerful, rugged, reliable and versatile. It has set numerous time to climb

records in varying weight classes to different altitudes, and set many speed records as well.

What one thing do you dislike about your current aircraft? It’s an old airplane and doesn’t have that new car smell!

What was the most important thing you learned from your time at Laughlin, besides learning how to fly? It’s best summed up by the words of Gen. George S. Patton, “Success is not measured by how far up the ladder you climb, but how high you bounce when you’ve fallen off.”



Courtesy photo of KC-135R

What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? Graying out (near loss of consciousness) on my first T-37 solo ride to the airwork area! I learned a valuable lesson that day – flying is a lot of fun, but it’s also a deadly business.

What piece of advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Quitters never win and winners never quit. UPT is a once in a lifetime opportunity – give it all you’ve got. It’s worth it; the Air Force, and especially *flying* in the Air Force, is a great way of life!

LSI rolls over CES Monday, 21-5

LSI defeated CES 21-5 in an intramural softball game at Babe Ruth field here Monday.

Two triples by Eloy Chavez and Lupe Rodriguez brought in several runs for LSI and helped win the game.

The first inning began when Mike Gleason of LSI hit a shot over second base into center field for a single. After several shots to center, LSI had four runs on the board.

LSI continued to score with a barrage of singles and runs batted

in, jumping to a 9-0 lead. With the bases loaded, Lee Ortiz hit a triple down the left field line, scoring three more runs and bringing LSI's score to 12 runs for the inning.

Mike McHugh of CES returned fire with an in-the-park home run in the bottom of the first. But the inning ended quickly after a force out at second and a pair of pop flies.

LSI added another run to their lead in the second, bringing the score to 13-1.

Chris Taylor of CES got on base with a single in the bottom of the second, and was driven in by a hit down the third base line. CES brought the score to 13-4 before a fly ball ended the inning.

Chavez' fourth inning triple drove in three runs and brought the score to 18-4.

Rodriguez drove in two more runs with his triple in the fifth, making the score 20-5.

The final score was 21-5. The victory lifts LSI's record to 4-4, while CES falls to 3-4.

Intramural softball standings <i>(as of Wednesday)</i>		
Team	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
OSS	9	0
84th/85th	6	2
87th	5	3
86th	5	4
LSI	4	4
LCSAM	4	4
47 MED	4	4
CES	3	5
CS/CONS/SVS	1	7
MSS	0	8

Golf tournament

The '99 Enlisted Combat Dining-Out Golf Tournament will be Aug. 28 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Leaning Pines Golf Course.

It will be a four-person best-ball scramble tournament. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded to the top teams. Individual prizes will also be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin.

The entrance fee is \$25 and pays for golf prizes and lunch. Green and cart fees are extra and must be paid at check-in.

Mulligans can be purchased at two for \$5, limit is two per team, one per nine holes. Red tee advantage is \$5, two per team limit. All proceeds will be used for the enlisted dining out.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available. Teams must register by Aug. 23.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt Howard Thompson or Staff Sgt. Aaron Thieken at 5861 or 5332.

Induction ceremony

There will be a noncommissioned officer induction ceremony during the enlisted promotion ceremony Aug. 31 at Club Amistad. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

For questions, call Master Sgt. J.D. Donnett at 6373 or contact any first sergeant.

Recycling

The recycling center cannot accept tires, batteries or plastic containers with oil residue. If the recycler the base turns in plastic to finds one container with oil in it, the whole shipment of plastic is rejected.

Plastic containers with oil can be taken to the Auto Hobby Shop or to one of the businesses in Del Rio that offer oil change services.

Automotive batteries and tires can be taken to the businesses in Del Rio that offer those items for sale.

For more information on recycling, call 5247.

Web module

The Benefits and Entitlements Service Team announces the arrival of the Thrift Savings Plan Web module.

BEST loaded the TSP module to its web site. As a part of the TSP module, employees can view current coverage, view or void projected transactions, stop TSP contributions and make TSP open-season elections. General information for TSP is also available. The number for BEST is 1-800-997-2378.

Contact the Civilian Personnel Flight for further information.

Program manager needed

The civilian personnel flight is currently recruiting for a Federal Women's Program manager. This position is one of the Air Force Special Emphasis Program managers, members of which serve as advisers to management, the work force and community.

In addition, the SEPM is a part of the total management team which has a responsibility to identify barriers, recommend solutions, develop affirmative employment and assist commanders, managers and supervisors in the implementation of available programs to promote equal opportunity for minorities and women in the Air



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Splash down

Col. Len Jarman, 47th Flying Training Wing vice commander, gets dunked by his wife, Tracy, during Student Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 99-14 assignment drop Aug 6. Jarman took his plunge for going temporary duty the next three weeks; students were dunked as their next duty station and aircraft assignment were announced.

Force.

Twenty percent of official time may be devoted to this program. If you are interested in serving in this position, contact Joni M. Jordan in the Civilian Personnel Flight at 5914. If you previously applied, you need not apply again.

Reopening

The Thrift Store reopens Monday, 9 a.m. to noon for consignments only – one contract per DoD or government identification card holder, 20 items per contract.

Regular business hours start Aug. 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignment hours will be 9 a.m. until noon. Donations are always accepted. All Thrift Shop funds are placed in the OSC scholarship and charitable funds.

The Thrift Shop is located in building 336, Mitchell Avenue, next to Border Federal Credit Union.

For more information, call Liz Reimer at 298-3234.

Social

The Officer Spouses' Club 'It's Not Just Ice Cream,' welcome back social, is scheduled for Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Club XL. All members and eligible members are invited. The social is free to all members and guests. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and a sundae bar will be served.

Reservations are needed by Aug. 20 to Theresa Reneau at 298-1206 or Stacey Lilley at 768-2690.

Enrichment program

The Youth Center is offering a part-day enrichment program. The program is available to children 3-5 years old. There will be an orientation for all interested parents Thursday from 6-7 p.m.

For more details, call 298-4363.

Relocation

The military equal opportunity and equal employment opportunity office has relocated to the base clinic, suite 234. The entrance is the same as the Life Skills entrance – adjacent to Seventh Street, across from the Child Development Center.

All human relations classes in August will be held at the new location.

Golf tournament

The 47th Operations Support Squadron Booster Club is sponsoring a golf tournament Saturday, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Leaning Pines Golf Course.

It will be a four-person best-ball scramble tournament. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded for the top teams. Individual prizes will be given for the longest drive and longest putt. Prizes total more than \$1,300 and include trips, gift certificates and more. A new car (make and model undetermined) will be given to the first person to make a hole-in-one.

Funds raised will benefit the booster club, a local charity and Operation Jingle.